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FISH/WILDLIFE:TGROSZ  
L/OES:JBAILLY

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI PRIORITY  
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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SENV, TBIO, IN

SUBJECT: U.S. REGULATIONS ON IMPORTATION OF IVORY PRODUCTS

REF: NEW DELHI 4040

1. THERE ARE CURRENTLY TWO MEANS BY WHICH IVORY EXPORTS FROM INDIA ARE BEING CERTIFIED FOR ENTRY TO THE U.S.: A) GOI CERTIFICATION THAT IVORY IS OF AFRICAN ORIGIN; B) CERTIFICATION BY AN AUTHORIZED GOI AGENT THAT IVORY IS OF AFRICAN ORIGIN.

2. SINCE MOST CERTIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN OF LATTER TYPE, WITH A COMMERCIAL EXPORTER BEING THE GOI'S AUTHORIZED AGENT, THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE HAS BEEN REQUIRING EMBASSY OR CONSULAR ATTESTATION THAT THE SIGNER OF THE CERTIFICATE HAS  
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GOI AUTHORITY TO ISSUE SUCH CERTIFICATES. HOWEVER, DOCUMENT SIGNED BY THE COMMERCE MINISTRY ITSELF WOULD NOT NEED EMBASSY ATTESTATION.

3. AFTER MAY 23, THE DATE THE ENDANGERED SPECIES CONVENTION COMES INTO FORCE, EXPORT OR REEXPORT DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE GOI MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY UNDER THE CONVENTION WILL BE THE

ONLY MEANS BY WHICH IVORY FROM INDIA CAN BE CERTIFIED FOR  
ENTRY TO THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE INFORMS US THAT UNTIL

THEN, CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY COMMERCIAL EXPORTERS WILL  
HAVE TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY EITHER A SIGNED GOI DOCUMENT  
AUTHORIZING THAT ORGANIZATION TO ISSUE SUCH CERTIFICATES  
OR BY AMERICAN EMBASSY OR CONGEN CERTIFICATION THAT THE  
ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS ISSUED THE CERTIFICATE HAS GOI  
AUTHORITY TO DO SO.

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